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Appl. No. 10/087,514  
Amdt. sent October 18, 2006  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 2616

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1,2, and 10-13 are pending. Claims 3-9 and 14-20 have been canceled.  
No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Aoki (5,943,519).

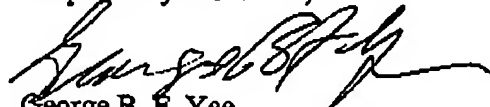
An interview was conducted with the examiner on October 18, 2006. A proposed amendment to the claims was discussed. It is noted with appreciation that the examiner believed the proposed amendment overcomes the art of record. The claims have been amended herein accordingly.

As noted in the Office action, the claims as previously filed did not mention "the finalizing process having specific meaning in the optical disk recording arts." The claims as amended, now are specifically directed to the "optical" recording arts. The recited finalizing limitations are not shown in Aoki.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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